

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department – Mahaprasthanam i.e., Transportation of Dead bodies from the Government Hospitals to the deceased houses – Orders - issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 264

Dated: 31-03-2017

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ORDER:

Teaching & Non-Teaching Government hospitals with well developed specialties have high work load. They remain the first choice for other hospitals for referring critical cases. Most such hospitals have been provided with mortuary and cold storage units for storage of dead bodies for short time periods. However, at present, there is no mechanism for transport of dead bodies from hospital to the residence of deceased. In absence of any transport mechanism the families of deceased patients are fleeced by private transport providers. Given that there remains no choice with families in the hour of crisis and no negotiating power in such adversity, there is huge expenditure by the families of deceased.

2. In view of above difficulty faced by the families of deceased patients and after a careful consideration of above facts, the Govt., hereby approves the Mahaprasthanam service i.e., Transportation of Dead bodies from the Government hospitals to the residence of deceased, free of cost.

3. In “Mahaprasthanam” scheme, registered carrier vehicle with driver and licensed as “Hearse Van” (with AC at 16 degree centigrade) will be made available in hospitals. Services of Hearse van shall be provided to all bodies for which “Death Certificate” has been issued by respective hospitals. The services will be operational from 6 AM till 10 PM on all days. Services shall be provided within 3 hours of issue of “Death Certificate”. The hearse van will transport the body to the residence of deceased within same / adjoining districts. The bodies will be transported safely with dignity and respect.

4. “Mahaprasthanam” services will be initiated to cover all teaching hospitals and District Hospitals in the first phase. In phase II it will cover all Area Hospitals. The estimated cost of the services will be Rs.15 crs annually.

5. The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada will initiate necessary action to frame specific guidelines to operate the services under PPP mode as per rules in force.

6. The expenditure shall be met from the funds of Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.

7. The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To,
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
All the Teaching Hospitals under the control of
Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
All the HoD's under the control of HM&FW.
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The PS to Minister (H&ME).
The PS to Prl. Secy to Govt., HM&FW Department.

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